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# MEMORANDUM

Foreign Service of the  
United States of America

DATE: 19 FEB 69

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TO: DIRECTOR

DATE: 18 FEB 69

RE: STATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 459

WARSAW 459

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WARSAW 457

SUBJ: WARSAW TALKS  
FOR AMBASSADOR BROWN

a. Kreisberg and Anderson propose seek appointment morning  
Feb. 19 at CHICOM Embassy at which letter on prisoners would  
be delivered and following approach on CHICOM communication  
on 135th meeting (reftel):

a. Letter merely states that present atmosphere inappropriate  
for 135th meeting. We ~~are~~ would seek specific statement that ~~it~~  
they are cancelling meeting and will not meet with us Feb. 20.

b. CHICOMS have cancelled ~~the~~ last three proposed meeting times  
for 135th meeting. US wishes to continue dialogue  
with CPB but in light CHICOM actions/whether Chinese on their  
side wish to continue series of meetings.

c. If meetings have any purpose at all, it is to enable two  
sides to discuss disputes and differences in private. Facts  
on Liao Ho-shu case made clear ~~in~~ by US side and ~~are~~  
not denied by Chinese which by stating that Liao "betrayed"  
his country made clear in its public statement Feb. 6 that  
The Ambassador

Dated by: IKreisberg

Approved by: The Ambassador

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it recognized that he left CHICOM office in The Hague voluntarily. If CHICOM wished to raise further points on Liao, obvious place to have done it was in Warsaw meeting. We, know therefore, reject grounds on which Chinese side has again unilaterally cancelled Feb. 20 meeting.

d. Nevertheless US side continues remain ready to meet with Chinese in Warsaw or elsewhere. Present Chinese position for first time since talks began does not give even general time frame for subsequent meeting. (May 1968 postponement suggested mid or late November.) Kreisberg would suggest April 17 reasonable period around which to consider rescheduling of 135th meeting and ask that this be put to Peking.

e. Finally, Kreisberg would indicate that US would make public in course of next few days fact that we had suggested rescheduling of meeting for April.

2. Request Dept advise by immediate (Hold for ~~urgent~~ opening of business) of other approach outlined Para. 1 above

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**PARTIAL TRANSCRIPTION FOLLOWS**

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SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE

WARSAW 439

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